GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:238
ANSWERED ON:16.12.2004
SHORTFALL OF WAGONS
Jha Shri Raghunath

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a considerable shortfall in the supply of wagons by the private as well as public sector units;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken to overcome the causes of shortfall in the supply of wagons;

(c) the total requirement of four wheeler units of wagons per year and the number of wagons being supplied;

(d) whether there is any proposal to establish more number of wagon manufacturing units in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) T0 (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 238 BY SHRI RAGHUNATH JHA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 16.12.2004 REGARDING SHORTFALL OF WAGONS

(a & b) Yes, Sir. Against target of 18500 four wheeler units (FWUs) of wagons for 2003-04, 16573 FWUs of wagons were manufactured. Railway wagons are being mainly manufactured by 12 wagon building units in Public and Private Sector. Shortfall in supply of wagons is due to under performance of Public Sector Units. Necessary assistance is being extended to these units by the Department of Heavy Industry and Ministry of Railways for improving their productivity.

(c) Requirement of wagons is broadly assessed for Five Year Plan period and fine-tuned on annual basis from year to year keeping in view, volume of freight traffic expected to be carried in that particular year. During 10th Plan Period, i.e. from 2001-02 to 2006-07, the total requirement assessed was 65000 FWUs which has been increased to 94214 FWUs during mid term appraisal of 10th Plan conducted in 2004 (second half) Actual Production of wagons vis-Ã -vis target during the current Five Year Plan is as under:-

(Figures in four wheeler Units)

Year	Target	Actual Supply
2002-03	17000	16584
2003-04	18500	16573
2004-05	20000	11967 (Till Nov.,2004)

(d & e) Adequate capacity for wagon manufacturing is already available in the country. Efforts are being made to improve their production performance. A small quantity of wagons are also being manufactured in three railway workshops namely Amritsar, Samastipur and Golden Rock. It has been decided to start wagon manufacturing in Jamalpur workshop at the rate of 100 wagons per year by utilizing existing facilities and man power.